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Success Stories from the Field

Mustang Survival Manufacturing Inc

West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Training Improves Safety At Mustang Survival Manufacturing

Client Profile:

Mustang Survival Manufacturing is a producer of protective garments for marine and aerospace applications. The privately held firm, with a total employment of 90, is located in Elizabeth, West Virginia.

Situation:

Mustang Survival Manufacturing (Mustang) is making changes to its product line that will ultimately affect the manufacturing processes used in the plant. The company needed to enhance its knowledge of the existing federal safety standards to facilitate improvements to the current safety program. Mustang asked the West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WVMEP), a NIST MEP network affiliate, to provide the necessary training.

Solution:

WVMEP provided Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-Hour General Industry Training to six Mustang employees. This workshop included the mandatory modules for this training program, as well as approved elective topics selected by the firm to address current plant safety issues. With this training, WVMEP formalized Mustang's knowledge of the 29 CFR 1910 standard. The company is also able to relate the standard to specific areas within its facility.

Results:

Trained 6 employees in the 29 CFR 1910 federal safety standard.
Improved working conditions at the plant by conforming to the requirements as stated in the federal standard.
Facilitated better dissemination of this information to the work force.

Testimonial:

"The West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership provided training with a depth that far exceeded our expectations. This has greatly enhanced our understanding of the 29 CFR 1910 regulation, which will result in a safer working environment for our employees."

Cheryl Woods, Manager of Human Resources and Safety